

## NEWSBEAT

### Boo-Nanza coming to aquatic center

CLEARFIELD — It's no trick. The holiday Boo-Nanza will soon be here for area youth.

The annual haunting of the Clearfield Aquatic Center, 825 S. State St., is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 23. Its theme is "the night at the movies," and patrons will see the center directed to reflect a variety of films, including "Ghostbusters" and "Finding Nemo."

This year, a costume parade will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by the canine costume parade at 6 p.m. on the outdoor pool deck. There is no registration fee.

Other events include the floating pumpkin patch, canoe rides on the pool, cookie decorating, train rides, a haunted house, a live reptile exhibit and game booths.

A daycare area will entertain toddlers and preschoolers with crafts, games and a balloon artist.

Admission to Boo-nanza is free. Tickets for games and activities can be purchased at the Clearfield Aquatic Center for 50 cents each. Each activity and game will require one or more tickets.

Call 801-525-2640 or 801-525-2790 for more information.

### City considers loan fund for curb, gutter

FARMINGTON — City officials are discussing the merits of establishing a revolving loan fund to offer incentives to residents in the Compton Bench area to install curb and gutter along some of the homes.

City Manager Max Forbush outlined a proposal at a recent meeting that would allow the city to offer some financial help to residents in the area from 900 North to 1000 North who install curb and gutter.

He said funding could come from a revolving loan fund, set up by the city. He has suggested as much as \$30,000 may be needed to set up that fund.

Members of the city council gave a thumbs-up to the conceptual plan for the idea. Forbush is expected to bring a formal plan for council review and approval later this year.

Water lines will be replaced in the region and Forbush would like to see curb and gutter installed along with the new line.

### Home Depot earns award for support

RIVERDALE — Representatives of the Utah Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve will present an "Above and Beyond" award to the Riverdale Home Depot at 1 p.m. Friday.

Frank Maughan, Weber County representative on the committee, said the store is being honored because it goes "the extra mile in supporting their employees as the employees are deployed to war theaters or to training in anticipation of deployment."

Federal law requires employers to hold the jobs of guards and reservists while they are deployed, including promotions as if they were still at work.

Maughan pointed out that the Riverdale store has put up a display that includes military promotions of their employees and memorabilia, including a flag an employee flew while serving in Iraq.

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# City behind on trail paving

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LAYTON — The 3.1-mile stretch of the rails-to-trails corridor in Layton will be graded this fall, but won't be paved for users until spring.

The Layton City Council recently approved an agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation and Horrocks Engineering to complete the city's portion of the north-south trail that runs along the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad corridor.

Once Layton's portion of the trail is complete, the rails-to-trails project will provide users with a continuous paved

walkway from Roy to Farmington.

A bid opening for construction of the Layton stretch of trail is scheduled to take place Nov. 3, with the plan of getting in place this fall a trail base and grading work.

That will allow paving to begin in the spring, said Layton Parks Superintendent Brock Hill.

The council previously adopted resolutions accessing federal funding for the project and entering into an agreement with Utah Transit Authority, the current owner of the railroad right of way, Hill said in a narrative submitted to council members before their approving the agreement Thursday.

The most recent resolution adopted

by the council enters the city into an agreement with UDOT, as well as with Horrocks Engineering, which will manage the construction project, Hill said.

The 3.1-mile stretch of trail in Layton does take in several major road crossings, including Gentile Street and Antelope Drive, which will affect travel on the trail, he said.

The D&RGW trail is one of many trail developments in Layton. Other trails include the Kays Creek Parkway, consisting of 4.5 miles of paved trail following the waterway for which it is named, and the Bamberger Rail Trail, a milelong paved trail running east of Interstate 15 between Gentile Street and Gordon Avenue.

## FOSTERING A SENSE OF DUTY



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Carlene Mahany (left) helps Hailey Sager with reading at South Weber Elementary School on Tuesday. Mahany is part of the Foster Grandparents Program, which pays low-income seniors to go to schools and assist teachers by giving one-on-one help to students.

### Low-income seniors provide one-on-one help to students

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Carlene Mahany looks forward to the time she spends each day with some of South Weber Elementary School's smallest readers.

Four days a week, Mahany enters the first- and second-grade classroom and helps the children read, spell, do math and work on their punctuation.

Mahany is a Foster Grandparent and says she gets just as much, if not more, out of her job than the kids she helps. "I love it. It's a wonderful program," she said. "I love the little children and enjoy working with them. It gives me a sense of helpfulness."

The Foster Grandparents Program is designed for adults age 55 and older, said Charity Moon, director of the program for Weber, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder and Cache counties.

Foster Grandparents serve 15 to 30 hours each week in a local school, tutoring children one on one as well as in small groups.

"The main focus of the program is to help children with literacy skills," Moon said.

"However, Foster Grandparents are able to tutor children in any area where the child is struggling. We have Foster Grandparents who tutor children in reading, writing, math, spelling, social studies and even computer skills."

Foster Grandparents are given a monthly stipend, mileage reimbursement, a free lunch and training for their services, Moon said.

Some of the requirements of becoming a Foster Grandparent include being 55 years or older, passing a fingerprint test, having a moderate to low income, being willing to serve at least 15 hours each week and having

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## Board set to initiate Clearfield relocation

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FARMINGTON — For the next three weeks, Davis County Health Department will be in a state of flux.

For starters, the Davis County Vital Records Office has already moved from the health department building in Farmington and opened Monday at a temporary location in the Memorial Courthouse, which happens to be next door.

"I just came to get my son's birth certificate," said Heather Meacham, a Layton resident who followed the pink signs to the temporary home for Vital Records in Room 100.

Health department workers are preparing for a permanent move Nov. 8, from the Courthouse Annex to a new building in Clearfield at 22 S. State St.

"During those next three weeks of transition, computers, telephones, furniture, equipment and records will be packed, moved, unboxed and then set up in the new building," said Lewis Garrett, health department director.

On Monday, other members of the health department staff, more than 60 employees, will be moving out of their Farmington location.

Testing for food-handler permits, as well as issuing birth and death certificates, will stay temporarily in Farmington during this three-week period.

"I'm just trying to make sure this works," Karla Smith, deputy registrar for the Vital Records office, said as she swiped a credit card reader on opening day.

Any services or programs scheduled outside of the health department's main offices will take place as usual.

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## Helping out the troops, one buddy poppy at a time

Ogden's VFW Post 1481 has three cardboard boxes by its front door full of crackers, foot powder, toothpaste, shampoo, candy and Kool-Aid, the presweetened kind.

I was checking them out because Cindy Rusch, senior vice president of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, called me to beg for publicity for her cancer walk and run this Saturday, and we got to talking.

The walk and run start at 8 a.m. at the Ogden Dinosaur Park and is a major fundraiser for the auxiliary's cancer fund.

Cindy's a cancer survivor, so she feels strongly about this, but she also feels strongly about all the other stuff the auxiliary does.

Nobody ever hears about the auxiliary, she said, and why don't I write about it?

OK, then.

The VFW Women's Auxiliary is open to any woman with a child, husband, father or grandfather who was overseas with the military during a war.

"That's what we're after, and these



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runs help us. It gets ladies out there, so we can show them what we do."

I had to ask: "There are women serving overseas; can their husbands join?" She said she's not sure men want to be in the women's auxiliary, "but we'll take them!"

The auxiliary, like the VFW in general, has trouble recruiting new members.

"One of the problems is, they think it's (the VFW hall) a bar, which isn't true," she said. "Most of us don't even drink anything, because we're there to do a job."

I have to note, there is a bar at the hall. But just as a Muslim prayer room doesn't make the Pentagon a mosque, a bar doesn't make the VFW post a saloon.

What does the auxiliary do? She took a breath:

"We do Christmas programs. We adopt a family. We do the shelter on 23rd Street (the Homeless Veterans Fellowship). We do the hospitals. Our community service is Americanism programs. We do the old glorious programs. We do flag programs. We take part in parade after parade after parade. We have a legislative action committee that is centered on veterans' needs. And Junior Girls — that would be like Girl Scouts — is centered on patriotism values."

To raise money, they hold dinners and sell "buddy poppies," little red flowers that commemorate the end of World War I. Fundraising is critical, which brings us back to those boxes.

When the three boxes are full, the auxiliary mails them to soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. It costs \$13 a box, and \$39 a month for the three boxes adds up.

She said the list of stuff to send was written up with advice from troops who have come back. Soldiers can't easily get things like hard

candies (no chocolate, it melts), crackers, toothbrushes, shampoo, beef jerky, pistachios, peanut butter and so on, especially when they are in forward bases that don't have PX facilities.

"Kool-Aid is the most-needed thing of all, because they have to drink that warm water and it tastes pretty bad," she said. Get the presweetened kind.

"I'm wondering why, if Kool-Aid is such a need, the military doesn't provide that," she said.

"It's the military," I said. "What do you expect?" She had to agree.

What else does the auxiliary need? "Just support the post. I'm from Post 1481, your post."

The post, at 907 W. 12th St., Ogden, opens at noon if you want to drop stuff off or chip in. And don't forget the cancer run/walk on Saturday. Call Cindy at 801-394-6729 if you have any questions.

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### COMING WEDNESDAY

Tri-County Independent Living observes 10 years of helping people in the community.